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Hui WANG et al.

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For: ELECTROPOLISHING METAL LAYERS ON WAFERS HAVING TRENCHES OR VIAS

WITH DUMMY STRUCTURES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 26, 2005 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20050517), for which a response is due on August 26, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Additionally, this response is filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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